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2. SUMMARY: THE MOVEMENT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS TO AREAS NEAR KABUL HAS INCREASED TENSIONS IN THE CITY AND PROMPTED COUNTER ATTACKS BY AFGHAN AND SOVIET FORCES IN MANY VILLAGES RINGING THE CAPITAL. ALL MAJOR ROADS LEADING TO KABUL ARE BEING INTERDICTED BY RESISTANCE FORCES. THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN SOVIET MILITARY TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF THE CITY BY ROAD AND AIR. REPORTS OF FURTHER SOVIET CONVOY LOSSES FILTERED IN FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE DRA STEPPED UP ITS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ALLEGING THAT THE US AND OTHERS ARE HELPING THE RESISTANCE, AND WE AND OTHER FRIENDLY EMBASSIES WERE THE TARGET OF DRA HARASSMENT. KHALQI-PARCHAM INFIGHTING CONTINUED IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, INCLUDING EXECUTIONS AND FRESH RUMORS OF COUP PLOTTING BY THE KHALQIS. STUDENTS HAVE MOSTLY RETURNED TO CAMPUSES, BUT FEW ARE ATTENDING ANY CLASSES EXCEPT ISLAMIC STUDIES. THE CALLED-FOR GENERAL STRIKE IN KABUL FAILED TO MATERIALIZE, BUT NIGHT LETTERS URGING CITIZENS TO RESIST THE SOVIETS AND THE KARMAL REGIME APPEARED REGULARLY. MORE FOREIGNERS LEFT AND OTHERS PREPARED TO DO SO; THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN THE COUNTRY DROPPED TO 47. END SUMMARY.

3. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE REPORTED A LARGE INFILUX OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS IN THE PAST WEEK FROM PAKISTAN AND DISTANT PROVINCES TO AREAS VERY NEAR KABUL. THESE REPORTS ESTIMATE THE RESISTANCE FORCES AT 5,000 TO 20,000 MEN, AND SOME HAVE ALLEGED THAT GULBUDDIN HEKMATYAR AND OTHER IMPORTANT RESISTANCE LEADERS ARE LEADING SOME OF THE GROUPS. WHILE WE DOUBT THAT GULBUDDIN IS HERE, WE TEND TO BELIEVE ONE STORY THAT GUL NOORIN HAS LED A GROUP FROM PESHAWAR TO KOH-I-SAFEID NEAR BAGRAM AIR FORCE BASE. SOME OF THESE MEN ARE SAID TO HAVE INFILTRATED INTO KABUL ITSELF.

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4. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE SOVIETS IN THE PAST WEEK PERCEIVED A NEW THREAT TO KABUL FROM OUTLYING AREAS AND MOVED SWIFTLY TO TAKE REMEDIAL ACTION. LARGE CONVOYS OF SOVIET ARMOR AND MANY SOVIET JETS AND HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN SEEN MOVING IN AND OUT OF KABUL, AND WE HAVE DOZENS OF REPORTS OF HEAVY FIGHTING (SOME OF IT SEEN BY AMERICANS -- PROTECT) IN VILLAGES NEAR THE CAPITAL. HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE HAS BEEN HEARD SPORADICALLY IN THE CITY ITSELF, APPARENTLY DIRECTED AT OUTLYING VILLAGES. SOVIET DEFENSES RINGING THE CITY WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BEEFED UP CONSIDERABLY THE MORNING OF JUNE 3.

5. THE AREA AROUND PAGHMAN TO THE WEST OF KABUL HAS SEEN THE

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SCENE OF SOME OF THIS FIGHTING. KHALQ-PARCHAM INFIGHTING HAS BEEN INTENSE LATELY IN THAT AREA, THE HOME OF THE LATE PRIME MINISTER AMIN. TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO UNKNOWN ROBBERS BROKE INTO THE FORMER KING'S SUMMER PALACE AT PAGHMAN BUT STOLE NOTHING EXCEPT USABLE WEAPONS, LEAVING BEHIND MANY VALUABLE ANTIQUES. ON MAY 30 OR 31 TWO SCHOOLS WERE PARTIALLY BURNED IN THE VILLAGES OF KHOJA LAKAN AND CHEL TAN NEAR PAGHMAN. ON JUNE 2, TWO PARCHAM PARTY WORKERS WERE ASSASSINATED BETWEEN PAGHMAN AND KAREZ AMIR AND THE FOLLOWING DAY SOVIET ARMOR, JETS AND HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE IN THAT AREA. ONE RELIABLE OBSERVER COUNTED OVER 200 ARMORED VEHICLES IN THE VICINITY OF KOH DAMAN NEAR PAGHMAN ON JUNE 2. OTHER SOURCES REPORTED THAT KOH DAMAN AND THE VILLAGES OF SHANALI, GULDARA AND SHAKARDARA WERE BOMBED BY MI-24 HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS ON JUNE 4, INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE TO HOUSES. A NEW SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE SOVIETS WERE USING LARGE SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES WHICH MADE HOLES "50 METERS WIDE" WHEN THEY IMPACTED. FIGHTING CONTINUED IN THAT GENERAL AREA UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE 5.

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6. NORTH OF PAGHMAN ALONG THE SLOPES OF THE MOUNTAINS WEST OF THE HIGHWAY TO THE SALANG PASS FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN MANY VILLAGES AS SOVIET ARMOR MOVED IN ON JUNE 2 AND 3. VILLAGERS FROM ISTALEF, CHARIKAR AND SEVERAL OTHER TOWNS HAVE FLED TO KABUL, REPORTING THAT THEIR HOMES WERE SURROUNDED BY ARMORED VEHICLES AND THAT THEY HAD FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES. OTHERS WERE ASKING FIREFOS AND RELATIVES (INCLUDING AFGHAN ARMY

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OFFICERS) WHERE THEY COULD FIND SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO TAKE BACK TO THEIR VILLAGES TO "CHASE OUT THE RUSSIANS." TRAVELERS

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FROM THE NORTH WHO TRANSITED THE AREA ON JUNE 1 COUNTED SOME 40 BURNED-OUT VEHICLES ALONG THE HIGHWAY BUT SAW ONLY A FEW SOVIETS. OTHER TRAVELERS ON JUNE 6 ALSO ENCOUNTERED HEAVY SOVIET AND AFGHAN MILITARY TRAFFIC ON THE HIGHWAY BUT REPORTED SEEING NO FIGHTING NEAR THE ROAD. ONE TRAVELER TOLD US THERE HAD BEEN HEAVY SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITY ACROSS THE BORDER FROM HAIRATAN PORT IN LATE MAY, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT.

7. SOVIET AIR ACTIVITY IN THE KABUL AREA INCREASED CONSIDERABLY DURING THE WEEK. EMBASSY OFFICERS COUNTED AT LEAST A DOZEN HEAVY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT (AN-12, AN-22, IL-76) TAKEOFFS DAILY. (LANDINGS OF SUCH AIRCRAFT ARE DIFFICULT TO DETECT BECAUSE THEIR GLIDE PATH IS OFTEN NOT OVER THE CITY.) MANY OTHER FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN HEARD BY INSOMNIACS AT NIGHT. MIG-21, SU-7 AND SU-17 ACTIVITY OVER THE CITY HAS ALSO MARKEDLY INCREASED RECENTLY. JET FIGHTERS ROARED LOW OVER THE CITY BETWEEN 0600 AND 0800 ON JUNE 5 AND 7. OTHER FIGHTER/BOMBER AIRCRAFT WERE SPOTTED TRANSITING THE CITY AT HIGH ALTITUDES ON JUNE 5, 6, 7 AND 8, PRESUMABLY ON THEIR WAY TO MISSIONS ELSEWHERE IN AFGHANISTAN. THIS ACTIVITY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY RUMORS THAT 20,000 MORE SOVIET (AND 5,000 CZECH) TROOPS HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY.

8. REPORTS OF HEAVY FIGHTING ELSEWHERE CONTINUED TO FILTER INTO KABUL DURING THE WEEK. ONE, IN A LIGHTER VEIN, CONCERNED THE VILLAGE OF ARGHANDI, SOME 20 MINUTES BY ROAD FROM KABUL ON THE ROUTE TO QANDAHAR. AFGHAN AND SOVIET TANKS SENT THERE ON JUNE 4 IN RESPONSE TO A REPORT OF A GATHERING OF RESISTANCE FORCES BLASTED AWAY AT SOME KUCHIS (NOMADS), MISSING THEM ALL, BUT KILLING TWO CAMELS AND SEVERAL SHEEP. VILLAGERS WATCHING
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THE ACTION WERE HEARD TO SHOUT "SHITOR SHAHID SHUD". (THE CAMELS BECAME MARTYRS). OUR SOURCE FOR THAT STORY ALSO REPORTED THAT NEARLY 200 TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES (AFGHAN AND SOVIET) MOVED PAST ARGHANDI THROUGH WARDAK PROVINCE TOWARD GHAZNI THE SAME DAY. HE ADDED THAT EARLIER, ON MAY 31, SOVIET JETS AND HELICOPTERS HAD BOMBED SUSPECTED RESISTANCE STRONGHOLDS IN THE LALANDAR VALLEY NEAR RISHIKOR. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

9. ON JUNE 2 A HOSPITAL IN LOGAR WAS BURNED BY INSURGENTS. ONE AFGHAN SOURCE WHO HAS BEEN GENERALLY ACCURATE IN THE PAST TOLD US THAT IN RETALIATION MI-24 HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS

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11. ANOTHER FSN INFORMED US OF TWO AFGHAN FAMILIES FROM SOUTH
RUD WHO HAD BEEN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN SINCE JANUARY AND WHO
CAME TO KABUL AND MOVED IN WITH HIS NEIGHBOR ON JUNE 4. THEY
TOLD THE NIEGHBOR THAT THEY HAD LEFT PAKISTAN BECAUSE IT WAS
TOO HOT FOR THEM. UPON THEIR RETURN TO SORKH RUD, THEY FOUND
THEIR HOUSES DAMAGED AND FIGHTING GOING ON "DAY AND NIGHT."
AFTER THREE ATTEMPTS BY RESISTANCE FIGHTERS TO DRAGOON THEIR
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MEN INTO RESISTANCE RANKS, THEY LEFT FOR KABUL BY BUS. IN
THEIR CONVOY THE LEAD BUS HIT A MINE, KILLING 21 PASSENGERS.

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ESCORTING AFGHAN TROOPS TOLD THEM THAT SUCH INCIDENTS OCCURRED EVERY DAY ON THAT HIGHWAY. THEY ALSO REPORTED THAT INSURGENTS TRIED TO DRAFT THEIR MEN WHILE THEY WERE IN JALALABAD FOR TWO NIGHTS. INTERESTINGLY, ONLY SOME OF THE INSURGENTS SPOKE PASHTO, THE LANGUAGE OF THAT AREA. OTHERS SPOKE NURSITANI, HAZARAGI AND TADJIKI. ARMY TROOPS WITH WHOM THEY SPOKE IN JALALABAD INFORMED THEM THAT THEIR OFFICERS NEVER ORDERED THEM TO SHOOT RESISTANCE FIGHTERS; ONLY THE SOVIET ADVISORS WOULD ISSUE SUCH ORDERS.

12. ON THE LABOR FRONT, 900 LABORERS AT GUL BAHAR (SEE REFTEL) RETURNED TO WORK THIS WEEK UNDER DRA PRESSURE. ANOTHER 6,000 ARE STILL REFUSING TO WORK BECAUSE OF THREATS FROM RESISTANCE FIGHTERS. MEANWHILE, WORKERS AT THE KABUL PLASTICS FACTORY RIOTED ON MAY 31 WHEN DRA OFFICIALS TOOK INTO CUSTODY A FELLOW WORKER WHO REFUSED TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF SHOES FROM THE USSR. THEY CAME BACK TO WORK ON JUNE 1 AND RETURNED THEIR OWN GIFTS TO THE MANAGEMENT, LOUDLY CONDEMNING THE SOVIET INVASION AS THEY DID SO. THE MANAGER CALLED THE POLICE WHO CAME TO FACE ANOTHER RIOT. THE WORKERS WENT BACK TO WORK AFTER THE POLICE WERE REMOVED AND THE MANAGER AGREED TO SEND THE SHOES BACK TO THE SOVIETS.

13. FURTHER AFIELD, ONE EMBASSY EMPLOYEE (PROTECT) TOLD US THAT RELATIVES HAD MOVED FROM HERAT TO KABUL ON JUNE 7 AFTER INSURGENTS CAPTURED THEIR 8-YEAR-OLD SON AND DEMANDED A RANSOM OF 100,000 AFS (ABOUT \$2,325), WHICH WAS PAID. THE FAMILY HAD TO FLY TO KABUL FROM SHINDAND AIR FORCE BASE SINCE THE HERAT AIRPORT WAS CLOSED DUE TO INSURGENT ACTIVITY. SEVERAL CONTACTS REPORTED THAT THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED IN INDIAN AID PROJECT MANAGERS ON JUNE 6 TO ADVISE THEM TO EITHER STAY IN
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KABUL OR RETURN TO INDIA SINCE THE AREAS WHERE THEY WERE WORKING WERE "TOO DANGEROUS." IN AT LEAST ONE CASE, THE PROJECT MANAGER COMMENTED THAT HIS AREA HAD BEEN QUIET UNTIL THE DAY HE CAME TO KABUL. THE NEXT DAY, THE SOVIETS ATTACKED RESISTANCE ELEMENTS IN THAT AREA. ANOTHER SOURCE INFORMED US THAT SOVIET TROOPS WERE BURNING SHOPS OF SUSPECTED RESISTANCE MEMBERS IN QUNDOZ. ONE OF HIS FRIENDS WHO HAD GONE TO QUNDOZ ON BUSINESS CLAIMED THAT HE HAD TO BRIBE A SOVIET GUARD TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE QUNDOZ AIRPORT TO RETURN TO KABUL ON JUNE 6.

14. MILITARY CONSCRIPTION PRESS GANGS WERE REPORTED MAKING

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MIDNIGHT CALLS IN THE KARTE PARWAN SECTION OF KABUL AGAIN THE NIGHT OF JUNE 6-7. THIS TIME POLICE SQUADS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY ARMED YOUNG PARCHAMIST THUGS. ON JUNE 3, OVER 100 YOUNG MEN AT THE WATER AND POWER MINISTRY STAGED A MASS SIT-DOWN WHEN ORDERED TO REPORT FOR MILITARY DUTY.

15. THE DRA STAGED ANOTHER PROPAGANDA SHOW ON JUNE 2 WITH AN EXHIBIT OF "IMPERIALIST" ARMS AND AMMUNITION ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED FROM RESISTANCE FIGHTERS. AS IN THE PAST, AN OFFICER FROM THE MILITARY OF INFORMATION TELEPHONED WESTERN EMBASSIES THAT MORNING TO INVITE DIPLOMATS TO VIEW THE DISPLAY AT KABUL'S JESHYN GROUNDS. WE DID NOT GO, BUT MEDIA REPORTS ON THE EVENT SHOWED PICTURES OF THE STANDARD ROWS OF OLD BRITISH ENFIELD 303'S, ANCIENT BRITISH (BUT LABELED AMERICAN) LEWIS MACHINE GUNS, DOZENS OF LOCALLY MANUFACTURED PIPE BOMBS AND THE OVER-USED LONE TEAR GAS GRENADE "MADE IN PENNSYLVANIA, USA." THE MEDIA HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY VENOMOUS ABOUT THE US, THE UK, CHINA AND THE FRG THIS WEEK.

16. THE KHALQ-PARCHAM FEUD CONTINUED TO BUBBLE, WITH AT LEAST TWO LOW-LEVEL PARTY WORKERS FROM EACH SIDE ASSASSINATED DURING THE WEEK. (DRA POLICE CHIEF AZHAR REMAINS IN THE 400-BED HOSPITAL NEAR THE EMBASSY, APPARENTLY THE VICTIM OF ILLNESS, NOT WOUNDS; SEE REFTTEL.) THE REGIME EXECUTED SEVERAL KEY FIGURES FROM THE AMIN REGIME, INCLUDING AMIN'S BROTHER
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ASADULLAH, HIS UNCLE ABDULLAH AND AN ALLEGED RESISTANCE LEADER FROM NEAR BAGRAM NAMED ABDUL MAJID KALEKANI.

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17. EDUCATION MINISTER ANAHITA RATEBAZD WAS THE TARGET OF SEVERAL VERBAL ATTACKS. ON JUNE 3 ONE OF OUR CONTACTS HEARD SECONDARY EDUCATION PRESIDENT WAFAMEL LOUDLY DENOUNCE HER TO SEVERAL TEACHERS FOR PROMOTING POLICIES THAT "GUARANTEED RUIN" FOR EDUCATION IN AFGHANISTAN. ON THE SAME DAY, THE MINISTER RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF FEMALE STUDENTS WHO PRESENTED HER WITH TWO DEMANDS AND A QUESTION. THEY DEMANDED

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THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SARWARI (A KHALQI) BE DISMISSED
BECAUSE HE IS A "NAZI CRIMINAL" RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TORTURE

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AND DEATHS OF MANY PEOPLE DURING THE AMIN REGIME. THE MINISTER REPORTEDLY RESPONDED IN SILENCE TO THAT AND ANOTHER DEMAND THAT THE SOVIET TROOPS BE REMOVED FROM THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT AFGHAN POLITICAL PRISONERS HAD BEEN SENT TO THE USSR, SHE SURPRISED THE DELEGATION BY ADMITTING THAT SOME HAD BEEN SENT THERE "DURING THE CRIMINAL AMIN'S DAYS." SHE CLAIMED THAT THE DRA WAS TRYING TO HAVE THEM RETURNED TO AFGHANISTAN.

18. MOST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SEEM TO HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR CAMPUSES, BUT PARENTS REPORT THAT FEW ARE ATTENDING CLASSES. ONE TEACHER INFORMED US THAT STUDENTS DO GO TO ISLAMIC STUDIES CLASSES AND SPEND THEIR TIME LOUDLY RECITING VERSES FROM THE KORAN. THE SAME SOURCE SAID THAT ONLY 30 OUT OF 160 STUDENTS AT THE AGRICULTURE FACULTY AT THE UNIVERSITY WERE COMING TO CLASS AS OF JUNE 3. MOST OF THEM APPEARED TO BE DEDICATED PARCHAMISTS. THE GENERAL STRIKE CALLED FOR JUNE 2 FAILED TO MATERIALIZE, AS EXPECTED, BUT VAGUE CALLS FOR A STRIKE CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED, APPARENTLY BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. NIGHT LETTERS URGING ANTI-REGIME, ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITY CONTINUED TO APPEAR IN KABUL DURING THE WEEK.

19. THE INCREASED TENSIONS AND REPORTS OF NEARBY FIGHTING HAVE CAUSED SOME UNEASINESS AMONG THE REMAINING FOREIGNERS IN KABUL. (AN EAST GERMAN DIPLOMAT, WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD TRAVELED OUTSIDE OF KABUL RECENTLY, REPLIED, "OF COURSE NOT -- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS OUT THERE*") SEVERAL EXPATRIATES HAVE SPEEDED UP THEIR DEPARTURE PLANS AND THE EMBASSY HAS ONCE AGAIN REVIEWED ITS DEFENSIVE PLANS, BURNED MOST OF ITS FILES AND TIGHTENED SECURITY IN GENERAL. TWO AMERICANS LEFT DURING THE WEEK BUT ANOTHER SURFACED, GIVING US A CURRENT TOTAL HERE OF 47. ALL
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BUT ONE OF WHOM ARE IN KABUL. ONE AMCIT, WHO HAD TRAVELED TO HAZAR-I-SHARIF AND BALKH DURING THE WEEK WITH CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN COMPANIONS, WAS NABBED IN HAZAR BY POLICE AND PUT ON A BUS FOR KABUL. WHEN THEY TRIED TO RETRIEVE THEIR PASS-PORTS UPON ARRIVAL HERE FROM THE BUS DRIVER AND A SOLDIER IN WHOSE CARE THEY HAD BEEN PLACED, THEY WERE BRIEFLY ARRESTED BY POLICE. THAT EXPERIENCE SEEMS TO HAVE COOLED THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR REMAINING IN AFGHANISTAN, AND THEY SAID THEY HOPE TO LEAVE FOR PESHAWAR IN A DAY OR SO -- BY BUS. ALL THREE MEN WERE ACCUSED BY POLICE OF BEING JOURNALISTS OR SPIES, OR BOTH.

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20. ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT, THE SAUDI CHARGE TOLD US JUNE 8
THAT HE IS STUCK HERE INDEFINITELY BECAUSE THE DRA REFUSED
TO ISSUE A VISA TO HIS REPLACEMENT.
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